

IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A method of transmitting a message from a portable communication device comprising:

preparing the message to be transmitted, wherein preparing includes receiving the message from a user of the portable communication device via an input/output (I/O) module of the portable communication device;

associating the message with a user defined event, wherein the user defined event is defined by the user of the portable communication device and includes at least one condition upon which transmission of the message will occur; and

transmitting the message from the portable communication device ~~together with an instruction to control an activity of a recipient of said message~~ with an instruction to cause said base station to transmit said message at a predetermined time.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying the user defined event.

4 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying the date and time for transmission of the message.

5 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable cost level at which the message is to be sent.

6 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable transmission power level at which the message is to be sent.

7 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable security level at which the message is to be sent.

8 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable distance from a base station at which the message is to be sent.

9 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising compressing the message only when the portable communication device is coupled to a stable power supply.

10 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the message includes wirelessly transmitting the message to a receiver and disabling a ringing function of the receiver.

11 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the message in memory in the portable communication device.

12 (Original). The method of claim 11, wherein storing the message in memory includes storing the message in non-volatile memory.

Claims 13-18 (Canceled).

19 (Currently Amended). A portable communication device comprising:
an input/output (I/O) module;
a memory to store a message, wherein the message is generated by a user of the portable communication device via the I/O module and wherein the message is associated with an event defined by the user;
a transmitter having an antennae to transmit the message; and
a processor, wherein the processor allows transmission of the message by the transmitter to a base station together with an instruction to ~~control an activity of a recipient of said message~~ cause the base station to transmit said message at a predetermined time.

20 (Previously Presented). The portable communication device of claim 19, wherein the processor monitors the operation of the portable communication device and determines if the user defined event has occurred.

21 (Previously Presented). The portable communication device of claim 20, wherein the processor determines if a current time is substantially equal to a time specified as at least part of the user defined event.

22 (Previously Presented). The portable communication device of claim 20, wherein the processor determines if a current system security level is substantially equal to an acceptable security level specified as at least part of the user defined event.

23 (Previously Presented). The portable communication device of claim 20, wherein the processor determines if a current quality of service level is substantially equal to an acceptable quality of service level specified as at least part of the user defined event.

24 (Currently Amended). An article comprising: a storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing platform, results in:

preparing a message to be transmitted by a portable communication device, wherein preparing includes receiving the message from a user of the portable communication device via an input/output (I/O) module of the portable communication device;

associating the message with a user defined event, wherein the user defined event is defined by the user of the portable communication device and includes at least one condition upon which transmission of the message will occur; and

transmitting the message from the portable communication device to a base station together with an instruction to ~~control an activity of a recipient of said message~~ cause said base station to transmit said message at a predetermined time.

25 (Original). The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in transmitting the message from the portable communication device to a base station.

26 (Original). The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying the user defined event.

27 (Original). The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable quality of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.

28 (Original). The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable level of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.